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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Doughty on March 16, 2009.

Claims 24-26 and 28 have been cancelled.

In claim 13, lines 12 and 13, "a mixture of cerium oxide and zirconium oxide, a mixture of cerium oxide and an alumina" has been deleted and the phrase - - cerium oxide carried on a porous refractory carrier comprising alumina or zirconia, - - has been substituted therefor.

In claim 19, lines 17 and 18, "a mixture of cerium oxide and zirconium oxide, a mixture of cerium oxide and an alumina" has been deleted and the phrase - - cerium oxide carried on a porous refractory carrier comprising alumina or zirconia, - - has been substituted therefor.

In claim 27, line 1, "25" has been changed to - - 13 - -. In line 2, "element" has been changed to - - metal - - .

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Langel whose telephone number is 571-272-1353. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8 am - 3:30 pm Eastern Time.

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